Campbell County groundbreaking

Photo (I to r): Campbell Co. board members Mr. Rich Mason, Mrs. Janis Winbigler, chairperson; Mrs. Susan Fangman, Mr. Gary Combs, vice chairperson; Representative Joseph M. Fischer, House District 68; Senator Katie Kratz Stine, President Pro Tem, Senate District 24; Mr. Glen A Miller, Campbell County superintendent; Dr. Dale Winkler, OCTE executive director: Mary Stratton, KY Tech area supervisor; and Joseph Amann, KY Tech-C.E. McCormick ATC principal.





Campbell County Schools hold groundbreaking ceremony for new KY Tech area technology center and athletic stadium



The groundbreaking ceremony for Campbell County's new area technology center and athletic facility was held on Thursday, September 15 at the Campbell County High School in Alexandria, KY. It's a project that KY Tech-C.E. McCormick Area Technology Center principal Joseph Amann has looked forward to for quite a long time.



The ceremony was held in the high school auditorium because of inclement weather. In front of an impressive Campbell County High School Honor Choir, superintendent Glen Miller welcomed teachers, students, legislators, board members, business partners, and guests. "Breaking ground for a new tomorrow," was the major theme in his address to the audience.

After the presentation of colors, two KY Tech-C.E.
McCormick ATC students (Alan Barth, an electricity student under the direction of Kelly McCormick and Andy Thomas, a

welding student in Damian Marshall's program) led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special guest speaker was Senator Katie Kratz Stine who serves as President Pro Tem from Senate District 24.



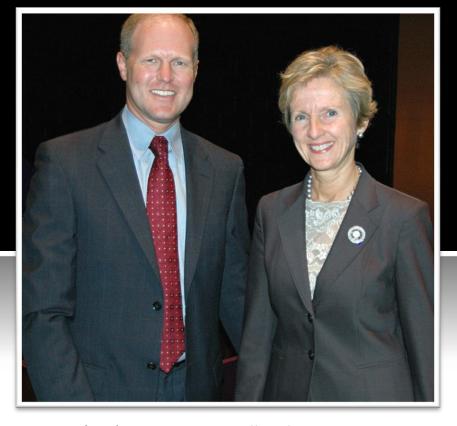


Senator Stine:

"This groundbreaking ceremony was accomplished because of the determination and spirit of many partners. The new area technology center represents a move in the right direction for job creation and this building will be a key component in providing opportunities for our students to become college and career ready. Career and technical education is an important element in creating a skilled workforce and this facility will serve as an economic tool for our community, as well as for our entire state."

Dr. Dale Winkler:

"The decision to build a new area technology center is a testament to the Campbell County Board of Education's desire to ensure all students leave high school prepared for postsecondary education and careers. The school district is to be commended for having the foresight to provide students with the occupational and employability skills needed to succeed in life. Best wishes to the Campbell County ATC staff and Mr. Joseph Amann as they work with the local school district and community in building the technology center.



Photo, (I to r): Dr. Dale Winkler, Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) executive director; and Senator Stine.



When Campbell County Board Chairperson Janis Winbigler spoke, she reiterated that the new area technology center and its programs would help students become career ready – a topic that is timely given the college and career readiness accountability model approved by the Kentucky Department of Education during its August 2011 meeting. Students are now considered career ready if they meet one requirement in a career academic area, as well as one requirement in a career technical area.

According to Amann, the new \$11M area technology center will be attached to the Campbell County High School. It will house eight programs including auto body repair, automotive technology, construction carpentry technology, electrical technology, health sciences, information technology, masonry, and welding.

"The ATC will be available for students from all of the 11 districts we serve. My teachers are excited because they will now have air-conditioned classrooms with computer drops that are new, clean, and safe. And, all of our classroom doors will open into the main hallway of the ATC," said Amann. "But the most important element in all of this is that the Campbell County Board of Education and its partners had the courage and vision to lead us in this direction because they realize the value of career and technical education for the students we serve."

"We appreciate the Campbell County board and school district for their support of the new area technology center," said KY Tech area supervisor Mary Stratton. "This project has been in the making for several years and we know it will be a tremendous asset for the students and community."



